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Nursing Assistant Proposed Regulations Community Review Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Persons in Attendance: See attached sign-in sheets.

Meeting was convened at 10:10 a.m. by Charles Alexandre, MS, RN, Chief of the Office of Health Professions Regulation, who provided introductions, introductory comments, and invited participants to make introductory statements.

The following sections of the nursing assistant regulations that are proposed to be amended were discussed with the group: 3.3(f); 5.6; 5.7; 7.4; and Appendix 1, Part B.

Some of the issues raised by the group include the following:

- Can a national BCI check be mandated?
- Could language be inserted that would describe "disqualifying" crimes as they relate to admission into nursing assistant training programs?
- With regard to the Department's consideration of the removal of a name from the nurse aide registry: will work history and/or personal history be taken into consideration in determining if the name is removed?
- Can information regarding a nursing assistant's offense and reason(s) for removal from the nurse aide registry be shared with the public?
- Could it be required that the twenty (20) hours of practical training be performed under direct supervision?
- Could section 7.10 be amended to specifically include text books as part of "sufficient instructional materials"?
- Could the "excluded duties" of a nursing assistant be amended to include any tube feedings, glucometer finger sticks, and any sterile procedures?

The group posed several questions of Mr. Alexandre related to the awarding of a recent RFP for nursing assistant training/examination services to Promissor.

Mr. Alexandre indicated that the issues raised by the group would go back to the Nursing Assistant Board and staff for further discussion, review, and re-drafting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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